

PARTICLE DELIVERY TECHNIQUES

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Abstract of the Disclosure

10 A method is provided for *in vivo* or *ex vivo* delivery
of a preparation of powdered nucleic acid molecules into
vertebrate tissue for transformation of cells in the
tissue using needleless injection techniques. The method
can be used to deliver therapeutically relevant
nucleotide sequences to cells in mammalian tissue to
provide gene therapy, elicit immunity or to provide
antisense or ribozyme functions. A method for providing
15 densified processed pharmaceutical compositions is also
described. The method is used to convert non-dense
pharmaceutical powders or particulate formulations into
densified particles optimally suited for transdermal
delivery using a needleless syringe. The method is also
20 used to optimize the density and particle size of powders
and particulate formulations for subsequent transdermal
delivery thereof. Densified pharmaceutical compositions
formed by the present methods are also provided.

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